

## **MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 4th, 2004**

### **PUBLIC HEARING 7:00 P.M.**

#### **GENERALIZED SUMMARY**

#### **VERBATIM DISCUSSION ON TAPE ON FILE IN AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

[6:57:23] Council President, Jim Belden opened the public hearing on the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. Sheriff Carter gave a brief summary of the grant stating the grant was applied for in late 2003 through the Bureau of Justice. Hamilton County was awarded \$13,000 +/- . A committee comprised of Major Bowen, Hamilton County Sheriff Department, Stephanie Smith, Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office, Joe Morello, Superior Court 4, Stan Renner, Hamilton Heights School Corporation and George Kristo, Director, Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Drugs met to discuss appropriate expenditure for the grant. There was a consensus of this committee that the grant monies be used to purchase replacement body armor for use in the Hamilton County Sheriff's office. President Belden asked for public comments, being none, the public hearing was closed at 6:59:12.

President Belden called to order the regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 6:59:17 p.m. Chief Deputy Coverdale called role: Meredith Carter, Steve Schwartz, Jim Belden, John Hiatt, Judy Levine, and Jim Wallace. Councilor McKinney arrived at 7:03:40.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Councilor Carter.

[7:00:23] Councilor Levine moved to approve minutes of January 7, 2004 Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

#### **Public Comments:**

#### **COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORTS**

**President** [7:00:44] Attended several meetings and functions which will be discussed later in meeting.

**Vice President** [7:01:54]None

**Highway** [7:02:01] Councilor Levine reported committee met with highway and items will be discussed later in meeting.

**Finance** [7:02:09] Councilor Carter reported committee discussed bond issues, received updates on outstanding issues and began conversations on 2005 budgeting. Councilor Belden stated it was a good meeting and anticipate meeting monthly.

**Personnel** [7:03:05] No meeting.

**Miscellaneous** [7:03:15] Councilor Belden represented the Council and Park Board at the State Association of Parks & Recreation where the Hamilton County Commissioners, Hamilton County Council and Hamilton County Park Board were recipients of a an award for the cooperation of these boards in increasing and bettering Hamilton County Parks. Councilor Belden stated Hamilton County has a great Park Board and Superintendent in Al Patterson.

**Commissioner Report** [7:07:32 ] Commissioner Altman reported

Humane Society contract has been executed. A per animal fee of \$157.44. The contract also defines we will be accountable for animals brought in by animal control officers in the participating communities.

Boone County Commissioners have approached Hamilton County about continuing joint Weights & Measures. Commissioner Altman is negotiating a cost share contract.

Commissioner Altman presented the Indianapolis MPO call list for Federal projects. 96th & Towne Road was added to the list. Commissioner Altman requested a resolution of the Council to appropriate the local match if the county were to receive funding on any of the projects listed.

[7:22:50] Councilor Levine moved the Council resolve to appropriate up to \$1,000,000 for the local match on federal aid projects should they be approved in 2004. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Altman reported that Hamilton County and Noblesville did receive, through our consultant in Washington, D.C. the earmarked funds for 146th Street and Riverwalk in the amount of \$1,500,000.

The Commissioners did continue contract with the Washington D.C. consultant which will run through May 2004. Commissioner Altman stated she will be requesting additional funding to continue contract beyond May.

Agreement has been reached with Carmel regarding annexed roads. Roads will remain in the county road inventory and revenue will come to Hamilton County through December 2004.

A tentative agreement with the Mayor of Carmel has Carmel assuming responsibility of the build out for the intersection at 116th Street and Springmill Road with Hamilton County contributing what was appropriated before.

[7:27:54] Councilor Levine stated she has a commitment from the Commissioners that should this agreement fall through the Council will be involved in determining which project to put this money towards.

Commissioners had a presentation on the Juvenile Center. The project has increased in scope due to items being include that the commissioners believed they had instructed not be included. Commissioner Altman stated site work will proceed on schedule while design details are being reworked.

Commissioners were presented the build out on the Prosecutor and Planning offices which didn't go well. The scope of the project has increased to \$500,000.

Councilor McKinney has a meeting set with Sonia Leerkamp next week and he will relay to the Commissioners and Councilors the outcome of this meeting.

Commissioner Altman asked the Council continue to support the 2004 Bond Issues that are coming up on the agenda this evening.

Councilor McKinney asked if a location had been selected for the Humane Society Building.

Commissioner Altman stated she believed the consensus is to put the facility by the county property where the EMA and Household Hazardous Waste are located. To the extent we are not able to build it within the budget with the Humane Society, Commissioner Altman believed the consensus is growing to become an animal control facility and handle it for the county and any other entity who wants to sign a long term agreement with the county that the county would provide their services.

Councilor Belden asked if we own the property?

Commissioner Altman stated Hamilton County does own the property but the Humane Society did raise money to construct the facility. In the lease agreement Hamilton County has the ability to buy the Humane Society out of that location with a formula and appraisals.

Councilor McKinney asked if a Democrat had been appointed to the Aviation Board?

Commissioner Altman reported that Tom Kapostasy was appointed.

## **Unfinished/Tabled Business**

### **New Business**

[7:42:19] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Resolution 02-04-04-1 “A Resolution Concerning the Purchase of Real Estate for the Bridge #193 Project.” Councilor Wallace seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

[7:43:49] Councilor Levine moved to approve Ordinance 12-8-03-A “An Ordinance Concerning Electronic Equipment and Amending Employee Handbook. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[7:44:27] Councilor Levine moved to suspend rules on agenda items 9D & 9E. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

[7:45:31] Councilor Schwartz moved to adopt Ordinance 02-04-04-A “An Ordinance of Hamilton County, Indiana concerning park improvements by the Hamilton County Park and Recreation Board through the issuance and sale of bonds, and other matters connected herewith: and Ordinance 02-04-04-B “An Ordinance of Hamilton County, Indiana, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of said county for the purpose of providing funds to be used for the cost of construction of capital projects, together with the incidental expenses in connection therewith and on account of the issuance of the bonds therefor. Councilor Wallace seconded motion. Motion carried (6-1) with Councilor McKinney against.

### **Additional, Transfers and Amend Form 144**

[7:52:35] Councilor Levine moved to approve Auditor additional request of \$65,000 in 101.003.000.3833 GASB34 Statement Contract. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:53:18] Councilor Levine moved to approve Council reduction request of \$16,000,000 in 101.015.000.4056 Land Acquisition. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:53:54] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Health Department additional request of \$1,500 in 105.000.000.3743 Tuition. Councilor Wallace seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:54:30] Councilor Wallace moved to approve Reassessment reduction of \$628,206.50 per letter from State to move balances into new Reassessment Fund. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[7:55:23] Councilor Schwartz moved to approve Maintenance CCD additional request of \$120,100 in Building & Structural Repair 203.019.000.3108 for the Community Corrections facility. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[8:01:33] Councilor Levine moved to approve Highway COIT additional request of \$50,000 in 283.000.000.3954 96th Street & Mollenkopf Road Signal. Councilor Wallace seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[8:01:59] Councilor McKinney moved to approve Highway COIT additional request of \$525,000 in 283.000.000.3225 Intersection of 106th Street & Springmill Road. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[8:03:17] Councilor Carter moved to approve Highway COIT additional request of \$60,000 in 283.000.000.3209 Ditch Road Roundabouts. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[8:05:06] Councilor Levine moved to approve Highway COIT additional request of \$284,000 in 283.000.000.3956 Intersection of 116th Street & Springmill Road. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

[8:06:22] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Health Department additional request of \$84,511 in Fund 288 Tobacco Settlement. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0. Breakdown as follows:

- \$ 3,000 288.000.000.2001 Supplies
- \$ 8,000 288.000.000.3509 Software Support (POSSEE)
- \$ 2,511 288.000.000.3716 Interpretive Service
- \$65,000 288.000.000.3832 Community Support
- \$ 6,000 288.000.000.4005 Equipment (POSSEE)

**AUDITOR’S COMMENTS**

**ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS**

[8:07:28] Councilor Levine asked Councilors to go to AIC website. HB1304 regarding E911 funds is detrimental to County. Stated AIC only pulls bills regarding counties.

[8:09:45] Councilor Levine moved to adjourn. Councilor McKinney seconded. Motion carried.

**Those present:**

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|                                   | Mike Booth, Town of Fishers    |
|                                   | BJ Casali, ISS                 |
|                                   | Christine Altman, Commissioner |
|                                   | Joel Thurman, Highway          |
|                                   | George Piper, Daily Times      |
|                                   | Mark Bowen, HCSD               |
|                                   | Ralph Watson, HCCC             |
|                                   | Dan Stevens, HCSD              |
|                                   | Diana Lamirand, Ledger         |
|                                   | Brad Davis, Highway            |
| Michael Fogart, Chief Carmel PD   | Polly Pearce, Court Adm        |
| Mike Reuter, Financial Consultant |                                |

President

Auditor